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Site Layout:

See Annex I, this report, [redacted] sketch of the military airfield, Pilsen (Bory)

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1. ROAD, four m. wide, packed surface, led from Pilsen to the airfield.
2. ENTRANCE, guarded 24 hours a day by one military guard dressed in dark blue uniform, armed with submachine gun.
3. BILLETS, brick, three-story, gable roof, dimensions unknown. Troops were billeted there.
4. MAIN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, brick, three-story. control tower on top of roof. [redacted]
5. GARAGES, brick. Passenger cars and trucks were parked there.
6. HOUSE, brick, single-story. Officer and his family lived there.

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7. RUNWAY, made of concrete slabs (5 x 5 m.), length 260 m., width not recalled, natural drainage along sides, well kept. [redacted] runway was rarely used since most of the aircraft landed and took off from grassy area /Pt. 44/. 25X1 25X1
8. ROAD, 4.5 m. wide, concrete.
9. GONIO STATION, no information.
10. HANGAR, description and dimensions unknown; hangar belonged to a civilian airline (name unknown).
11. TWO WOODEN BARRACKS, also part of the civilian part of the airfield.
12. BUILDING, single-story, wooden, purpose unknown.
13. GUARD STATION, with one military guard on duty 24 hours a day.
14. BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION, brick, dimensions unknown. [redacted] part of the building will be used as a stockade and part as bachelor quarters or billets for career airmen. 25X1 25X1
15. OFFICERS' MESS, wooden, single-story.
16. BILLETS for career airmen, wooden, single-story.
17. BARRACK, wooden, "U" shape, in very poor condition, contained some offices.
18. BILLETS, wooden, "U" shape.
19. MOVIE THEATER, wooden, canteen was also located there.
20. BILLETS, brick, single-story, troops stayed there.
21. BILLETS, brick.
22. BILLETS, brick.
23. BILLETS for officers, brick, single-story.
24. BARRACK, wooden, single-story. Guards used to assemble there.
25. BILLETS and OFFICE BUILDING, wooden.
26. BARRACK, wooden. Sometimes used as officers' billets.
27. BUILDING, brick, two-story, contained offices and control tower on top of roof. /See Pt. 28/.
28. CONTROL TOWER, roof and sides were made of glass. [redacted] two transmitters of Czechoslovak origin. Frequency and type unknown; searchlight was located on top of the tower. On top of the roof next to the control tower was a 7.92-mm. calibre machine gun. No further information. 25X1
29. FIRE STATION, wooden [redacted] 25X1 25X1
30. MESS HALL for troops, wooden.

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31. STORAGE SHEDS, wooden, single-story. Aircraft parts of unknown type and quantity were stored there.
32. FUEL STATION.
33. HANGAR, brick, type of roof not recalled, dimensions unknown.
34. WORKSHOPS, wooden. Fuel tanks were inspected there for possible leakage and repaired if necessary.
35. HANGAR, wooden, barrel shell roof. No further information.
36. ROAD, four m. wide, packed top.
37. HANGAR, brick. No further information.
38. HANGAR, wooden; two Piper Cubs, two Arados, one Me-109 could be accommodated there.
39. UNDERGROUND FUEL STORAGE; LPH-87 (octane) fuel was stored there; capacity of storage unknown. [] fuel trucks being filled there. 25X1
40. BUILDING, brick, single-story. Radio station was located there. Transmitters LR-16 and LR-22 were used for announcing interception of foreign aircraft. No further information.
41. AREA [] several excavations. [] 25X1
42. BORE SIGHTING RANGE, about 100 m. long, 25 m. wide, 1 m. deep in ground, dirt sides and floor, with concrete space where aircraft was parked when weapons were tested. Earth fill was used as a target. No further information.
43. RADAR STATION [] 25X1
three [] in uniform walk toward the radar station, one officer, one PFC, and one corporal. They were not accompanied by Czechoslovak personnel.
44. GRASSY AREA used for landing and take-off. Area was about 1,000 m. long and 500 m. wide.

Basic Airfield Information:

1. Name of airfield: Pilsen
2. Alternate name: Bory
3. Country: Czechoslovakia
4. Coordinates: \angle N 49-43, E 13-207
5. Location:
 - a. Airfield was about 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ km. from center of Pilsen. [] 25X1
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 - b. Direction and distance of prominent landmarks: No information.

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6. Dimensions:

a. [redacted] extensibility
possible toward forest area, see sketch.

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b. Approximate shape: rectangular.

7. Sketches: One [redacted] sketch of the airfield.

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8. Runways and Surface:

a. Runways: Refer to Pts. 7 and 44 under Site Layout.

b. Aprons: Taxi-strips, perimeter tracks: None.

c. Airfield surface: Level, well-kept.

d. Drainage: Natural.

e. Altitude: Unknown.

9. Aircraft Dispersal Points:

a. Hardstands: None.

b. Revetments: None.

10. Construction and Improvement:

a. Airfield surface: None.

b. Runways: None.

c. Buildings: Refer to Pt. 14.

d. Technical devices: No information.

e. Other: Refer to Pt. 41.

11. Obstructions:

a. Hills: None in the vicinity of the airfield.

b. Power lines: Along road, Pt. 1.

c. Trees: 15-20 m. high, coniferous trees near installations on the airfield.

d. Chimneys: [redacted] several high chimneys
[redacted] belonging to Skoda Plant. [redacted]

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12. Technical Facilities:

a. Radio: refer to Pt. 28 and 40.

b. Telephone, telegraph, weather station: No information.

c. Signaling devices and other landing aids: Portable white and blue runway lights for night landing. No further information.

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d. Aircraft capacity: The Pilsen (Bory) Airfield housed the 14th and 18th /or 19th -- [redacted] Fighter Regts. of the 18th Fighter Div. Both of these regiments were equipped with the following aircraft: Four Arados (C-2), two CS-199's (training fighters), and 42 S-199's (former German designation Me-109). In addition to the above-mentioned regiments, the airfield housed the headquarters of the 51st SNB Air Police Regiment, which was equipped with 15 S-199's (Me-109), four Arados (C-2), two Piper Cubs, and two CS-199's.

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e. Repair facilities: Minor repairs were performed in the open. Major repairs were done in hangars and in Pt. 34. Tovarni Factory service team used to come to check and repair new aircraft during the one-year guarantee in case something was wrong with the aircraft due to faulty manufacture. [redacted]

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[redacted] one team consisting of two mechanics arrive at the airfield. No further information.

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13. Fuel, water, ammunition: No information.

14. Buildings:

a. Hangars: Refer to Pts. 10, 33, 35, 37, 38.

b. Workshops: Refer to Pt. 34.

c. Control tower: Refer to Pts. 4 and 28.

d. Billets: Refer to Pts. 3, 16, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26.

e. Administration Building: Refer to Pts. 4, 17, 25.

f. Hospital: None.

g. Aid Station: no information.

h. Storage: Refer to Pts. 31 and 39.

15. Transportation Facilities: Refer to Pts. 1 and 8.

16. Miscellaneous:

a. The 18th Fighter Div. at Pilsen (Bory) Airfield was commanded by Major Jan KOVAL; pilot [redacted]

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b. [redacted] the 51st SNB Air Police Regt. was the only air force SNB unit in the Czechoslovak Air Force. Originally this unit was independent and directly subordinate to the Ministry of National Defense. The 51st Regt. became a part of the 18th Fighter Div. in 1949 or 1950 [redacted] with regimental headquarters at Pilsen (Bory) Airfield. The squadrons of the 51st Regt. were stationed at Ceske Budejovice, Klatovy /N 49-24, E 13-187, Marianske Lazne /N 49-58, E 12-427, and Presov /N 49-00, E 21-157. The total personnel strength of this regiment almost equalled that of three normal air regiments.

[redacted] In September 1953 the 51st Regt. was deactivated. The personnel, officers and EM were transferred to Mlada /Milovice7. [redacted]

c. After the deactivation of the 51st SNB Air Police Regt., the local units of the Czechoslovak Air Force were charged with air security of their respective sectors.

Enclosure: Annex I Pilsen Military Airfield

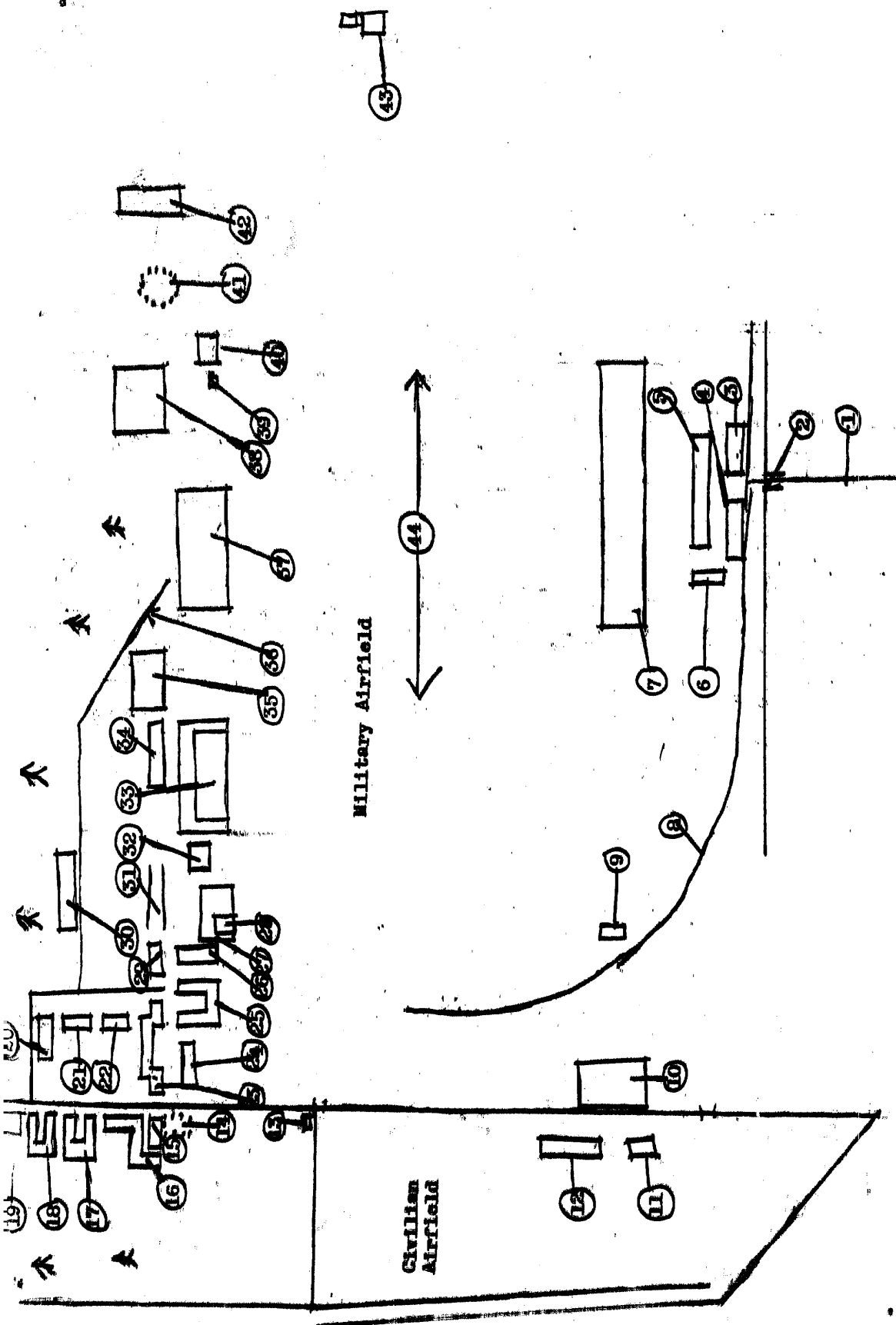
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